REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-18 remain in the application.   Claims 1 and 13 have been amended.

In item 3 on pages 2-5 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1-18 have been rejected as being anticipated by Ote et al. (US Pat. No. 5,815,652) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

As will be explained below, it is believed that the claims were patentable over the cited art in their original form and the claims have, therefore, not been amended to overcome the references.   However, the language of claims 1 and 13 has been slightly modified in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application.

Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claim 1 calls for, inter alia:

>an internal data carrier, an input device, and an output device connected to said central data processing unit;

>said internal data carrier storing at least one data file for playing back instructions associated with at least

one machine element, one machine function, and/or a functional or setting error.

Claim 13 calls for, inter alia:

if an erroneous setting is present, activating a file associated with the machine function or the machine element by the central unit, the file being stored in an internal data carrier.

Ote et al. disclose a remote connectable computer (helpdesk) over which a person can give back-up support when the operator is confronted with a problem that he or she cannot solve. This kind of error handling is well known in the PC world. However, this is not the concept of the invention of the instant application.

The concept of the invention of the instant application lies in that the back-up support is stored in the same PC or the machine, which can serve the operator. It provides assistance with the applications that are seldom carried out by the operator or that the operator has up to now not yet used. The operator can retrieve the information by himself or herself without having to call the helpdesk.

Clearly, Ote et al. do not show an internal data carrier for storing the data file as recited in claims 1 and 13 of the instant application.

Claims 1 and 13 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claims 1 or 13, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-18 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,
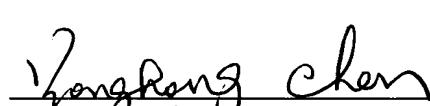
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